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News to Know

NEW Transit Equipment / Vehicle Disposition Guidelines

Effective Oct. 1, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) issued updates to two CFR Part 200 and 49 U.S.C. 5334(h)(4)(B), changing the disposition requirements for rolling stock, equipment and aggregate supplies. Details on changes are outlined in MoDOT Transit Equipment / Vehicle Dispositions Guidelines on the MoDOT Transit website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

Agreements/Access Codes:

It is agreement season. Please remember that agency assigned access codes used in DocuSign never change, regardless of program.

Federal Fiscal Year End Shutdown – Payment Delays Expected

Due to the federal fiscal year shutdown that occurred on Sept. 23, processing of all **FEDERAL** invoices and reimbursement requests will be on hold until the federal financial system becomes available mid-October.

FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications

Currently, there are no federal funding applications available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on our website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

Section 5310 Subrecipients

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Virtual Training-Part 382 is on Nov. 6 - [Click to enroll](#). Enrolled attendees, use [this link](#) to access the webinar. Section 5310 transit agencies with vehicles that are 16 passenger or more (including the driver) can attend this training.

Safety Spotlight

Fiscal Year 2025 Safety Training Schedule NOW AVAILABLE

The [Safety Training Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025](#) is now available. The training schedule includes both instructor-led and self-guided courses offered through the Transportation Safety Institute, as well as some additional in-person offerings. Courses that meet the [Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program \(PTSCTP\) regulation](#) requirements are indicated on the schedule.

Safety training plays an important role in creating safer transit systems across America. PTSCTP establishes uniform curriculum for safety training that consist of minimum requirements to enhance the technical proficiency of rail transit safety personnel. If you have any questions about the schedule, contact FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov.

FTA Issues General Directive to Protect Nation's Frontline Transit Workers from Assault

The FTA issued a [General Directive](#) to protect our nation's frontline transit workers from assaults. [General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers](#) will require more than 700 transit agencies nationwide to take action and address ongoing incidents of assaults on transit workers. The directive reflects FTA's commitment to the safety of transit workers and the need to address, at the federal level, the problem of verbal and physical assaults they face while at work.

Assaults have increased more than 120% between 2013 and 2021. The General Directive requires all transit agencies subject to FTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) regulation to complete a safety risk assessment. They are required to assess the risk of assaults on their workers using the Safety Management System processes outlined in their agency safety plans.

The directive, a significant and necessary next step in FTA's efforts to better protect frontline transit workers, requires transit agencies to:

- Assess the risk of assaults on the agency's transit workforce using the Safety Management System (SMS) processes outlined in its Agency Safety Plan (ASP).
- Conduct a safety risk assessment related to assaults on transit workers. If a transit agency's safety risk assessment shows an unacceptable level of risk of assaults on transit workers, they must identify strategies to mitigate that risk and improve transit worker safety.
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 - For transit agencies serving large, urbanized areas (with populations of 200,000 or more), they must comply with PTASP requirements to involve the joint labor-management Safety Committee when identifying safety risk mitigations and strategies.
- Provide information to FTA within 90 days on how they are assessing, mitigating and monitoring the safety risk associated with assaults on transit workers.

This information will help FTA understand how transit worker assault safety risk assessments and safety risk mitigations vary throughout the industry, informing the agency of further activities that may be effective in reducing the risk of assaults on transit workers.

Upcoming Safety Training

Safety training plays an important role in creating safer transit systems across America. The following list summarizes available safety training and resources offered through FTA and its partners:

- [FTA Safety Training Page](#) — outlines training requirements and available training courses.
- [FTA-Sponsored Training Courses](#) — provides information on FTA-sponsored FY2024 training delivered by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI).
- [TSI Course Schedule](#) — includes TSI safety training courses for transit personnel to support FTA grantees subject to the [Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program \(PTSCTP\)](#) regulation with initial training and recertification training requirements. In addition to PTSCTP bus and rail courses, trainings include courses for bus, rail, general transit safety and transit crime prevention and emergency management.

- [Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative Related Trainings](#) — offers virtual Assault Awareness and Prevention (AAP) and Violence in the Transit Workplace (VTW) courses provided by the National Transit Institute (NTI).

Federal Actions & Updates



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Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

U.S. DOT's [Compendium of Transport-Specific Human Trafficking State and Territory Laws: A Resource Guide](#) provides a quick access chart with state-by-state listings (including U.S. territories) and detailed listings of regulations on human trafficking for all states and U.S. territories, available at the time of publication. Regulations are linked to online sources.

Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

MPTA Education Series: Transit Leader Virtual Roundtable

Oct. 29

12 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

MPTA Education Series: State of Transit in Missouri

Nov. 19

8:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

Various U.S. DOT University Transportation Systems are holding [webinars](#) this fall. Please see the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter for additional information. Topics include:

- Opportunities for improving transit travel through standardized payments.
- Stochastic ride sharing system with flexible pickup and drop-off.
- The environmental impacts of living far from work locations.

2024 FTA Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance Workshops

FTA will continue the workshop series, [Safety Management System \(SMS\) in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management \(SRM\) and Safety Assurance \(SA\) Workshops](#). Participants will build on the basics of SMS to engage with the complex interactions between SRM and SA that are key to improving safety at transit agencies.

FTA will offer the following virtual workshops:

- Oct. 23-24 ([register](#))
- Nov. 21-22 ([register](#))
- Jan. 14-15, 2025 ([register](#))

Register online to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 50 participants due to the interactive format.

The workshops are for transit agency safety department personnel, rail and bus transit operations and maintenance managers who oversee agency safety performance and State Safety Oversight Agency managers and staff. All participants should have a basic understanding of the four components of SMS as they are applied to the transit industry prior to taking this class.

Educational Resources: Missouri Transit Conference 2024



Whether you missed the conference this year or want to refer back to a presentation or plenary you attended, you can access materials from the 2024 Missouri Transit Conference on the MPTA website. [Access materials here.](#)

Missed a Past Webinar?

NTD webinars are available on [NTI's YouTube page](#), so if you missed a past session, you can watch it anytime!

Recently added videos:

- **Webinar:** [Annual NTD Reporting Clarifications](#)
- **Webinar:** [NTD Validation Module Training](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reporting for State Subrecipients](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reduced Reporting in the Urban Module](#)
- **Webinar:** [Annual Reporting for State DOTs](#)

Transit Trivia Time!

Who has the best transit in the world?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Zurich, Switzerland
- C. Hong Kong, China

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section

Upcoming Reporting

NTD Reporting (Section 5311)- **Due Oct. 31**

DBE Reporting (Section 5311)- **Due early November**

January 2025

2024 Title VI Survey (all programs)

DAMIS (D&A) (5311 only)

Upcoming Conferences

Making Connections 2024 – The National Transit Workforce Conference (MC24) Nov. 11-13, in Baltimore, Maryland.

2025 CTAA Expo

June 2-4, 2025, in San Diego, CA

2025 Midwest Transit Conference

Sept. 3-5, 2025, in Kansas City, MO

For a listing of all National RTAP and other national events, view our [Calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email info@nationalrtap.org.

Trivia Answer: C. Hong Kong, China

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to submit what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please have those submission submitted to Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov.

TRAINING RESOURCES

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

U.S. DOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#) | TSI [Course Schedule PDF](#)

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

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